

Minutes (Public Version)

Meeting London Local Resilience Forum
Date Tuesday 28 June 2011
Time 3.00 pm
Place Committee Rooms 4 and 5, City Hall

Chair: Deputy Mayor of London

Attending:

Army
British Transport Police
City of London Coroner's Court
City of London Corporation
City of London Police
Civil Contingencies Secretariat
Department for Communities and Local Government
Environment Agency
Health Protection Agency
London Ambulance Service
London Councils
London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority
London First
Metropolitan Police Service
NHS London
St John Ambulance
Transport for London
Greater London Authority

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies had been received from: Utilities Sector Panel and Faith Sector Panel.
- 1.3 The Environment Agency, City of London Police, London Councils, NHS London and Transport for London had sent representatives.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 **The Forum confirmed the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 4 April 2011 as a correct record.**
- 2.2 **The Forum agreed the draft terms of reference, subject to the addition of wording to reflect the Forum's role in preparation of resilience planning for**

the Olympics.

Action:

- 2.3 London Resilience Team undertook to circulate finalised terms of reference.
- 2.4 The Olympics Resilience Manager gave a brief presentation to update the Forum on London 2012 Olympics resilience.
- 2.5 The Forum heard about the Olympic resilience in relation to risk and assurance, co-ordination and support for multi-agency training and exercising within the London Resilience Partnership.
- 2.6 Some concern was expressed about whether the exercises planned were always set at the right level, involved all the right agencies or were as testing as they could be. The Chair emphasised the importance of such concerns being raised with colleagues and not necessarily saved up for a meeting of the Forum.
- 2.7 Following the agreement of the draft terms of reference earlier in the meeting, the Chair proposed that Chair of the Local Authorities Panel be nominated as Vice Chair of the Forum.
- 2.8 **The Forum agreed the appointment of Vice Chair.**

3. Coroner's Inquests into the London Bombings of 7 July 2005 – Response to Lady Justice Hallett

- 3.1 The Chair reported that the Mayor had signed the London Resilience Team's response to the Coroner and that it had been delivered ahead of the 1 July 2011 required date.
- 3.2 The Chair explained that shortly before the response was completed, a letter had been received from the Lord Chancellor's Office making clear that the response must not be published or discussed with anyone until and unless the Coroner decides that all the responses can be released after speaking to the bereaved families. He proposed therefore not to discuss the response at the meeting. The London Resilience Manager indicated that, to take the London Resilience Team's response further, that those organisations involved in taking action could meet again in the near future.
- 3.3 There was a discussion about whether it would be permissible to discuss the contents of the response in the meeting, however the Chair confirmed that legal advice persuaded him that the response should not be discussed at this time.

4. Airwave on the London Underground

- 4.1 British Transport Police raised the issue of Airwave to follow up the discussion on the Inquests into the London Bombings of 7 July 2005.
- 4.2 There was a discussion about issues affecting Airwave.
- 4.3 The Department for Communities and Local Government reported that discussion had been helpful in ensuring issues could be considered in any new system's specification.

Action:

- 4.4 British Transport Police undertook to provide, in co-operation with colleagues and the National Policing Improvement Agency, a paper for a future meeting on issues affecting Airwave.

5. Horizon Scan

- 5.1 The Metropolitan Police Service gave an oral report on current threats, noting that the terrorism threat levels remained unchanged since the meeting in April.
- 5.2 There was a discussion about the threats from cybercrime.
- 5.3 The Department for Communities and Local Government gave a short briefing on current perceived hazards, which included industrial action, disruption from volcanic ash and extreme weather events, including drought.

6. Updates from London Resilience Programme Board, Sub Regional Tier and Sector Resilience Panels

- 6.1 The London Resilience Manager gave a brief update on the Programme Board, which had met on 24 May 2011. The meeting had considered the draft terms of reference for the Forum and Programme Board
- 6.2 The Sub Regional Resilience Tier Secretariat gave an update on the programme of work for the Sub Regional Tier during July 2011, which included meetings looking at Olympics command and control, incidents on the London Underground, fuel disruption planning, pipeline safety regulations, and structural collapse response plans.
- 6.3 The Health Executive Group representative reported that the Department of Health had published a new strategy for influenza. The Health Protection Agency indicated that arrangements were likely to have changed by the time the next flu season begins.
- 6.4 The Chair of the Voluntary Sector Panel reported that the Panel had last met on 24 May 2011. Following changes in membership, the Panel's capabilities document was being reviewed.
- 6.5 Transport for London reported that the Transport Sector Panel had not met.
- 6.6 The Chair of the Local Authorities Panel reported that the Panel was looking at the issues of winter resilience, mass fatalities and emergency mortuary provision.

Action

- 6.7 The Chair of the Local Authorities Panel agreed to provide a paper on mass fatalities and emergency mortuary provision to the Forum's next meeting.

7. London Resilience Forum Work Programme Progress Update

- 7.1 The London Resilience Manager updated the Forum on progress with the work programme, highlighting current work on identifying tools to communicate with the

public, on the subject of which a workshop would take place in July 2011. A multi-agency plan on site clearance and storage of contaminated casualties was being worked on and exercised, and would be brought to the Forum.

7.2 The Forum noted the achievements made to date and the current workstreams and endorsed the work to undertake a full review the Regional Delivery Plan and develop a revised Delivery Plan for the Forum.

8. London Community Risk Register

8.1 The London Resilience Manager explained that the consolidation of the existing six community risk registers into a single document would be complete by September 2011.

8.2 The Department for Communities and Local Government confirmed that the risks included in the register came from a national risk assessment, which was subject to an annual exercise by government.

Action:

8.3 The London Resilience Manager agreed to provide a paper expanding on the higher impact risks to the Forum's next meeting.

9. Exercise and Incident Feedback

9.1 The Environment Agency gave a short update on drought in London, particularly south London, emphasising that the issue was low river flows and not public water supply.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 There was no other business.

11. Date of Next Meeting

11.1 Monday 10 October 2011 at 2.00pm.